

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Cancelled)
2. (Cancelled)
3. (Cancelled)
4. (Cancelled)
5. (Currently Amended) A collapsible storage container, comprising:

a base;

two pairs of opposite side and end gates each pivotally mounted with respect to the base for folding movement between an erect in-use position and a collapsed position on top of the base, each said gate having a rectangular infill panel having an inner face and an outer face, and an outer perimeter frame secured to the outer face of the infill panel,

four hollow corner post members, each corner post member terminating at its ends in a pair of laterally inwardly directed locking flanges, the laterally inwardly directed locking flanges being perpendicular to one another,

frame attachment members attached to and extending along opposite vertical margins of each of the end gates and defining therewith an outwardly opening locking flange receiving slot dimensioned to receive one of the laterally inwardly directed locking flanges therein such that the corner post members and frame attachment members interlock with one another when the container is in its erect in-use position,

locking means to releasably lock the frame attachment members to the corner posts when in their interlocking erect in-use position, thereby locking each pair of adjacent side and end gates together in their erect in-use positions,

wherein each corner post member terminates at one of its ends in said laterally inwards directed locking flange, the free edge of said locking flange being spaced laterally outwards from the vertical margin of the outer frame, and at its other end in

an intumed inwardly directed attachment flange arranged to be attached to a respective said vertical margin of each of the outer frames;
and further comprising detachable securing means for detachably securing each said corner post member along a respective vertical margin of its associated said gate ~~The collapsible storage container of claim 4~~, wherein said detachable securing means comprises a plurality of spring-loaded locking bolts movable between an extending locking position wherein each locking bolt passes through an aperture formed in said locking flange of the corner post member and a retracted unlocked position, in which position the corner post member can be detached from its associated said gate.

6. (Cancelled)

7. (Currently Amended) A collapsible storage container, comprising:
a base;

two pairs of opposite side and end gates each pivotally mounted with respect to the base for folding movement between an erect in-use position and a collapsed position on top of the base, each said gate having a rectangular infill panel having an inner face and an outer face, and an outer perimeter frame secured to the outer face of the infill panel,

four hollow corner post members, each corner post member terminating at its ends in a pair of laterally inwardly directed locking flanges, the laterally inwardly directed locking flanges being perpendicular to one another,

frame attachment members attached to and extending along opposite vertical margins of each of the end gates and defining therewith an outwardly opening locking flange receiving slot dimensioned to receive one of the laterally inwardly directed locking flanges therein such that the corner post members and frame attachment members interlock with one another when the container is in its erect in-use position, and

locking means to releasably lock the frame attachment members to the corner posts when in their interlocking erect in-use position, thereby locking each pair of adjacent side and end gates together in their erect in-use positions ~~The collapsible storage container of claim 4~~, wherein said locking means comprises a spring-loaded slidable latching bolt

mounted adjacent each of the upper corner regions of the end gates and which is arranged to pass through aligned holes or openings formed in the locking flange of the corner post member and a wall of the frame attachment member.

8. (Cancelled)

9. (Cancelled)

10. (Previously Presented) A collapsible storage container, comprising:

a base;

a pair of opposite side gates and a pair of opposite end gates, each said gate pivotally mounted with respect to the base for folding movement between an erect in-use position and a collapsed position on top of the base, each said gate having an infill panel having an inner face and an outer face, and an outer perimeter frame secured to the outer face of the infill panel so as to define at least vertical margins thereof;

said adjacent vertical margins of adjacent said gates when in their erect in-use positions, being interconnected by a corner post member detachably secured to and abutting each said vertical margin, each said corner post member having a hollow cross section that terminates at its ends in a pair of perpendicular inwardly directed locking flanges which respectively locate in outwardly opening flange receiving slots on the vertical margins of adjacent gates when the gates are in their erect in-use positions, the corner post members extending along the vertical margins of the gates, there being locking means for releasably locking each within its associated said flange receiving slot,

wherein each of the gates has a two-flanged elongate angle frame member extending along each of its vertical margins with a first flange abutting the inner face of the infill panel and a second outwardly directed flange extending parallel to the vertical margin of the gate and spaced outwards therefrom so as to define said outwardly opening flange receiving slot extending along the entire length of the vertical edge of the gate, and The collapsible storage container of claim 9,

wherein said locking means comprise slidable latch bolts mounted in upper and lower corners of each said gate, each said latch bolt, when in its latching position, respectively passing through aligned holes formed in the inwardly directed locking flanges of the corner post members, in the outwardly directed flange of the elongate angle frame members, and in the vertical margins of each said gate.

11. (Cancelled)

12. (Cancelled).

13. (Cancelled)

14. (Cancelled)

15. (Currently Amended) A collapsible storage container, comprising:

a base;

two pairs of opposite side and end gates each pivotally mounted with respect to the base for folding movement between an erect in-use position and a collapsed position on top of the base, each said gate having a rectangular infill panel having an inner face and an outer face, and an outer perimeter frame secured to the outer face of the infill panel,

four hollow corner post members, each corner post member terminating at its ends in a pair of laterally inwardly directed locking flanges, the laterally inwardly directed locking flanges being perpendicular to one another,

frame attachment members attached to and extending along opposite vertical margins of each of the end gates and defining therewith an outwardly opening locking flange receiving slot dimensioned to receive one of the laterally inwardly directed locking flanges therein such that the corner post members and frame attachment members interlock with one another when the container is in its erect in-use position, and

locking means to releasably lock the frame attachment members to the corner posts when in their interlocking erect in-use position, thereby locking each pair of adjacent side and end gates together in their erect in-use positions,

wherein each corner post member terminates at one of its ends in said laterally inwards directed locking flange, the free edge of said locking flange being spaced laterally outwards from the vertical margin of the outer frame, and at its other end in an inturned inwardly directed attachment flange arranged to be attached to a respective said vertical margin of each of the outer frames,

wherein each said second perimeter frame attachment member is of angle cross-section having one flange contiguous with the inner face of its associated said infill panel, and its other flange projecting outwardly and lying parallel with a respective said vertical margin of the gate and spaced therefrom so as to form a respective said flange receiving slot which extends approximately the length of the vertical edge of the gate The collapsible storage container of claim 14, further comprising, and

detachable securing means for detachably securing each said frame attachment member along a respective vertical margin of its associated said gate.

16. (Currently Amended) The collapsible storage container of claim 15, wherein said detachable securing means comprises a plurality of ~~spring-loaded~~ locking bolts movable between an extending locking position wherein each locking bolt passes through an aperture formed in said attachment flange of the corner post member and a retracted unlocked position, in which position the corner post member can be detached from its associated said gate.

17. (Cancelled)

18. (Previously Presented) The collapsible storage container of claim 15, wherein said locking means comprises a spring-loaded slidable latching bolt mounted adjacent each of the upper corner regions of the end gates and which is arranged to pass through aligned holes or openings formed in the locking flange of the corner post member and a wall of the frame attachment member.

19. (Cancelled)

20. (Currently Amended) A collapsible storage container, comprising:

a base;

two pairs of opposite side and end gates each pivotally mounted with respect to the base for folding movement between an erect in-use position and a collapsed position on top of the base, each said gate having a rectangular infill panel having an inner face and an outer face, and an outer perimeter frame secured to the outer face of the infill panel,

four hollow corner post members, each corner post member terminating at its ends in a pair of laterally inwardly directed locking flanges, the laterally inwardly directed locking flanges being perpendicular to one another,

frame attachment members attached to and extending along opposite vertical margins of each of the end gates and defining therewith an outwardly opening locking flange receiving slot dimensioned to receive one of the laterally inwardly directed locking flanges therein such that the corner post members and frame attachment members interlock with one another when the container is in its erect in-use position,

locking means to releasably lock the frame attachment members to the corner posts when in their interlocking erect in-use position, thereby locking each pair of adjacent side and end gates together in their erect in-use positions,

wherein each corner post member terminates at one of its ends in said laterally inwards directed locking flange, the free edge of said locking flange being spaced laterally outwards from the vertical margin of the outer frame, and at its other end in an inturned inwardly directed attachment flange arranged to be attached to a respective said vertical margin of each of the outer frames, and

a detachable securing means for detachably securing each said corner post member along a respective vertical margin of its associated said gate, wherein each said side gate is provided with an angle section frame member extending along each of its vertical margins, each angle section frame member having one of its flanges abutting the inner face of the infill panel, and its other flange extending rearwardly and lying parallel to a vertical margin of the

outer perimeter frame, said other flange being spaced from said vertical margin so as to define an elongate slot for receiving a respective said attachment flange of a said corner post member ~~The collapsible storage container of claim 19,~~

wherein said locking means comprises a spring-loaded slidable latching bolt mounted adjacent each of the upper corner regions of the end gates and which is arranged to pass through aligned holes or openings formed in the locking flange of the corner post member and a wall of the frame attachment member.

21. (Currently Amended) A collapsible storage container, comprising:
a base;

two pairs of opposite side and end gates each pivotally mounted with respect to the base for folding movement between an erect in-use position and a collapsed position on top of the base, each said gate having a rectangular infill panel having an inner face and an outer face, and an outer perimeter frame secured to the outer face of the infill panel,

four hollow corner post members, each corner post member terminating at its ends in a pair of laterally inwardly directed locking flanges, the laterally inwardly directed locking flanges being perpendicular to one another,

frame attachment members attached to and extending along opposite vertical margins of each of the end gates and defining therewith an outwardly opening locking flange receiving slot dimensioned to receive one of the laterally inwardly directed locking flanges therein such that the corner post members and frame attachment members interlock with one another when the container is in its erect in-use position, and

locking means to releasably lock the frame attachment members to the corner posts when in their interlocking erect in-use position, thereby locking each pair of adjacent side and end gates together in their erect in-use positions,

wherein each corner post member terminates at one of its ends in said laterally inwards directed locking flange, the free edge of said locking flange being spaced laterally outwards from the vertical margin of the outer frame, and at its other end in an inturned inwardly directed attachment flange arranged to be attached to a

respective said vertical margin of each of the outer frames ~~The collapsible storage container of claim 2,~~

wherein said locking means comprises a ~~spring-loaded~~ slidable latching bolt mounted adjacent each of the upper corner regions of the end gates and which is arranged to pass through aligned holes or openings formed in the locking flange of the corner post member and a wall of the frame attachment member.

22. (Cancelled)